

VILLA DEATH REPORT REGARDED DOUBTFUL BY OFFICIALS OF U.S.

SKEPTICISM GROWS NO CONFIRMATION

Washington, D.C. — The U.S. State Department today announced that it has received information from a source in Mexico that the Mexican government is planning to send a large number of its military forces to the United States to fight in the Vietnam War.

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Goes By.

MEXICAN AMBASSADOR	CONSUL IS CONFIDENT
AWAITING VERIFICATION	IN SPITE OF THE DELAY

Remains Were Due to Arrive at Chihuahua Last Night, But Did Not Do So	Difficulty Will Be Had in Making Identification Even if Bandit's Remains Are Found
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Although twenty-four hours have passed since Mexican advices told of the finding of the body of Francisco Villa, the Washington government has received as yet no information on the subject from its representatives in Mexico, civil or military.

Administration officials grow more doubtful of the truth of the report as time passes without confirmation.

No Information at Embassy.

The body said to be that of Villa was supposed to have reached Chihuahua city by special train some time last night. American Consul Letcher at that place has not been heard from. It was pointed out that his report might have been delayed. Officials noted, however, that the consul had not even for-

The Mexican embassy also was without additional information on the subject today. The last report from Consul Garcia said he was seeking confirmation of the reports transmitted by the press from the southern part of the region where the body is said to have been found.

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Official word from Washington that the

which is in contradiction of the version transmitted by Gen. Carranza to support his suggestion that American troops be withdrawn from Mexico. The report stated that Carranza's troops had joined in the attack upon the little detachment of Americans, but followed them several miles as they withdrew in order to establish with the de facto government forces.

Gen. Carranza's message said his forces were to be withdrawn from the Mexicans by Mexican civilians. The majority of the Mexican killed are now in Carranza's hands. Carranza's soldiers, one of whom was an officer.

It was indicated at the State Department that further details would be sought from the American officers before a reply would be sent to Gen. Carranza.

United States troops would be immediately withdrawn from Mexico if Villa was undoubtedly result in exposing the efforts of the de facto government to ascertain the truth of the reports and the locating of Villa's body.

Expect Delay in Identification.

If the supposed body of the bandit is still interred at San Francisco Borja, as stated in the latest Mexico City advices, it will likely be many days before an identification can be made unless the Mexican government is able to obtain a notification made by Carranza's officers now in the vicinity of San Francisco Borja, which is thirty miles by trail south of Cuernavaca.

Identification of the body at this time is expected to be delayed.

originally to deal with the Parral incident as a separate matter, not in the reply to the note suggesting the recall of the American expedition on diplomatic grounds.

Reply Is Being Prepared.

The reply to the diplomatic note was

still in preparation early today. It will outline the terms under which the United States will accept the withdrawal of the body with the de facto president, and unless reports of Villa's death are confirmed no change in the program will be made at this time.

It was reasserted today that the body be identified as that of Villa the expedition would come out of Mexico. The officials here, however, have been sent to Consul Letcher or Gen. Pershing, however, as to the identification of the reasserted today that no go forward until these officials transmit some report.

A number of newspaper correspondents and a few other Americans left here early today for Chihuahua in the hope that the story of the finding of the body of the true president of the Americans, who at first had intended to go, abandoned the trip, some thought that the body would be found in the place that was reported here to have occurred in the Mexican state capital during the last two days.

Origin of Latest Villa Story.

That Francisco Villa is dead and his body, disinterred some days after his

Latest developments in the situation were read with keen interest by consumers who realized that the death

of Villa would end all further diplomatic negotiations over Carranza's proposal for a withdrawal of the American forces in Mexico.

DAY IN CONGRESS.

Senate:

Judiciary committee failed to reach any conclusion on nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to the

Supreme Court of the United States.

Senator Newlands submitted recommendations of President Roosevelt to the Senate for amendment to rivers and harbors bill. Debate resumed on army reorganization bill.

Agriculture committee urged federal trade commission to supervise distribution of silk held at Yucatan.

House:

Met at noon.

Disposed of unanimous consent order.

The dispatch of the Mexican Northwestern railroad to be reported to Gen. Gavila, Carranza commander at Juarez, that he had heard of the capture of the body of Villa to the effect that Villa's body was in the hands of the Carranza troops.

Gen. Gavila telegraphed Sen. Garcia here, who rushed messages to the telegraph operators at Madera and Cusihuiriachic.

"The Madera and Cusihuiriachic operators answered confirming the report that the body was being taken to Chihuahua.

"The telegraph operator at San Antonio, fifty miles west of Chihuahua, telegraphed Consul Garcia that Villa's

DISTRICT IN CONGRESS.

House:

Speeding tactics of House leaders diminish chances of District legislation.

No Answer to Telegrams.

In reply to these messages telegrams were sent to the Carranza generals in the field and to officials in Mexico City,



OFFICER, WORRIED BY ILLNESS, SUICIDE

William G. Davis Talks of His Condition With Wife, Then Uses His Police Weapon.

Policeman William Garrett Davis this morning committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. The shooting occurred at his home, 635 I street southwest, shortly before 7 o'clock, and the patient died at Emergency Hospital about three hours later. He had been dependent because of ill health. It

Mrs. Davis went downstairs and was preparing breakfast when she suddenly heard the report of a pistol shot. Her husband had discharged the weapon that he long had carried while on duty.

Davis was a member of Capt. George H. Williams' command in the fourth precinct during the entire time he was connected with the force, since January 1, 1900.

The deceased was born in southern Maryland August 2, 1871. He came to this city when he was a young man, served as a conductor on the 5th street

division of the Capital Traction line and left that employment to accept a

Feared Condition Was Hopeless.

His wife, who was Miss Hannah Downey before marriage, and a son survive him. It is stated that Davis suffered from sciatica, and several months ago he had a spell of sickness which caused him to fear he would not recover.

Because of his illness, it is stated, Capt. Williams gave him details that

he thought might be the means of making work easier and assist him in getting well. He was detailed at the north end of Highway bridge and later

Police department records show that Davis had never been before the trial board on charges. He was regarded as an efficient and courageous officer.

Brother Member of Force.

James A. Davis, a brother of the deceased, is a member of the police force, and Thomas Davis, another brother is in the employ of the

Traction Company. It is said that the deceased was worth fully \$40,000. Coroneo Nevitt made an investigation and gave a certificate of suicide. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed, but it is probable that the Policemen's Association will have

BENT ON KEEPING PEACE.

Austria-Hungary Opposed to Break With U. S. Over Submarines.

LONDON, April 17.—The Budapest correspondent of the Morning Post sends the following:

"The negotiations between the United States and Germany are being eagerly followed in Austria-Hungary. Count Tisza, the Hungarian premier,

Count Tisza, the Hungarian premier, is vehemently opposing any policy likely to lead to a rupture with the United States.

"The question was discussed during the past week by the Austrian and Hungarian delegates who met at Budapest to continue the Ausgleich negotiations and a decision was reached to

"Moreover, it is stated, should a break occur Austria-Hungary will take no cognizance of it and will endeavor

to continue friendly relations with the United States."

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